

REASONS Humbly Offered by the Inhabitants  
of the City and Liberty of *Westminster*, and of  
Other Places within the Weekly Bills of Mortality,  
to the Knights, Citizens, and Burgeses in this  
Present Parliament Assembled, against the Passing  
of a Bill, Entitled, *An Act for the Enabling of  
Protestant-Strangers to Exercise their Trades in the  
Places in the said Act mentioned.*

1. **I**F this Bill should pass, Aliens would in time Engross all the Trade of these Places into their own hands, to the great grievance of his Majesties Naturall-born Subjects.
2. If they come to be once established here by a Law, his Majesty cannot then remove them upon any occasion whatsoever.
3. This would give any Neighbouring Nation a great opportunity of correspondence with them, and so make an Interest in case of a War, or of an Invasion, or a Rebellion, and 'tis much feared that the late great confluence of Strangers hither, was in Order to no good End, for that these People were invited over, and encouraged here, by them only that were the Conspirators in the Late Plot, and were observed to Crowd the *Lord Russell's*, and *Shaftesbury's* door; and that that Faction were the only Patrons, is apparent, in that *Papillon*, and *Dubois*, both *Wallons*, were the greatest Sticklers in this Affair, and both Members of the French-Protestant-Church, yet took the Sacrament to serve a turn.
4. This would make all Foreigners promote the Sale of Foreign Manufacture, in which their Trade will mostly consist, in greater measure then now they do, to the decay of our own Manufacture, which is your worthy care to preserve.
5. It will discourage English-men from breeding their Children to Trades, and consequently the Gentry will want opportunity of disposing of their Younger Children.
6. That no English-man of what Religion soever (be he never so good an Artificer) is suffered in *Paris*, under the Severest of Penalties, Viz. Seizing and Loss of his Goods, to Work or Sell any, except under a French-man, in the Nature of a Servant.
7. That if by Trading here, they get Money, they Return Rich into their respective Countreys and Purchase Estates there; if Poor, they run away, and leave their Children to be maintained by the Parish.

*All which is most Humbly Submitted to your Honours Great Prudence and Consideration.*

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